

Michigan's Safety Belt and Child Restraint Laws

RESTRAINT USE REQUIREMENTS

Age	Restraint	Section
0 – 3 years	All passengers shall be properly secured in approved Child Restraint System	257.710d Driver responsible
4 – 15 years	All passengers shall wear a properly adjusted and fastened safety belt	257.710e Driver responsible
16 years and older	Driver and front seat passengers shall wear a properly adjusted and fastened safety belt	257.710e Violating occupant responsible

CHILD RESTRAINT EXEMPTIONS (less than 4 years)	
710d	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passenger in a bus, school bus, taxicab, moped, motorcycle, or other motor vehicle not required to be equipped with safety belts • Child being nursed • Child qualifying for a Secretary of State rule exemption due to size, medical problem, or physical unfitness
SAFETY BELT EXEMPTIONS	
710e	<p><u>Driver or passenger:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In a motor vehicle manufactured before January 1, 1965 • In a bus, motorcycle, moped • Who has a written verification from a physician for physical or medical reasons • Motor vehicle not required to be equipped with safety belts under federal law • Commercial or US postal service vehicle that makes frequent stops • Rural postal carrier while serving route <p><u>Passengers only:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School bus passengers (driver must be belted) • Children 4 years or older but less than 16 in <u>rear</u> seats if all available belts are used and driver and all front seat passengers are properly belted • Children 4 years or older but less than 16 in <u>front</u> seat of a pickup without an extended cab or jump seats, if all available belts are used